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ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE**

City of Missoula Comprehensive Watershed-Based Stormwater Facility Plan
November 8, 2021
City of Missoula Stormwater Utility
Capital Improvements Plan Update – Administrative Action
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Missoula County

PURPOSE AND NEED

The City of Missoula Stormwater Utility was established in 2016 and a Facility Plan was completed in 2018. The Facility Plan addressed the immediate needs for the utility, including operations guidance, levee guidance, and a 5-year Capital Improvements Plan. One of the recommended capital projects was a comprehensive plan. The proposed Comprehensive Watershed-Based Stormwater Facility Plan is an in-depth analysis of Missoula's stormwater system that will provide a data-driven approach for planning and prioritizing projects. This plan would include system-wide condition assessments; surveying and GIS database updates; flow measurements; basin delineations and definitions of basin characteristics; system-wide modeling of the stormwater infrastructure; assessment of design standards; and analysis of alternatives for water quality projects, green infrastructure, and MS4 Permit compliance. A watershed-based model of the entire city would provide a tool for the prioritization and design of future projects to help us meet or exceed water quality regulations.

The Capital Improvements Plan update for the City of Missoula Comprehensive Watershed-Based Stormwater Facility Plan is scheduled for completion during the Spring of 2022.

Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action:
DNRC approved the grant to provide funding for the City of Missoula Stormwater Utility.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)

- ☒ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.
- ☐ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.
- ☐ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.
- ☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.
- ☐ Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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City of Missoula



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